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with a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of the nucleotide sequences as set forth in SEQ ID No. 1 to 6 under the condition of 5 x SSC and 50°C or the condition of 2 x SSC and 50°C, and which protein transfers an aromatic aryl group to flavonoid.

- 46. (Amended) The gene according to claim 1, wherein the anthocyanin acyltransferase transfers an aromatic acyl group to the glucose of the 3 or 5 position of anthocyanin.
- 47. (Amended) The gene according to claim 2, wherein the gene encodes an anthocyanin acyltransferase which transfers an aromatic acyl group to the glucose at the 3 or 5 position of anthocyanin.
- 48. (Amended) The gene according to claim 5, wherein the anthocyanin acyltransferase transfers an aromatic acyl group to the glucose at the 3 or 5 position of anthocyanin.
- 49. (Amended) The gene according to claim 7, wherein the anthocyanin acyltransferase transfers an aromatic acyl group to the glucose at the 3 or 5 position of anthocyanin.

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- 50. (Amended) The gene according to claim 8, wherein the anthocyanin acyltransferase transfers an aromatic acyl group to the glucose at the 3 or 5 position of anthocyanin
- 51. (Amended) The gene according to claim 28, wherein the anthocyanin acyltransferase transfers an aromatic acyl group to the glucose at the 3 or 5 position of anthocyanin.
- 52. (Amended) The gene according to claim 42, wherein the gene encodes an anthocyanin acyltransferase which transfers an aromatic acyl group to the glucose at the 3 or 5 position of anthocyanin.

53. (Amended) An isolated acyltransferase gene which encodes an anthocyanin acyltransferase.

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